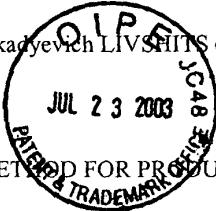


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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required  
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.  
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Support for the Amendments** are discussed beginning at page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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